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THE CONSULTATION ON MINISTRY TO AND WITH YOUTH



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Greetings! The Taskforce on Ministry to and With Youth met for the first time last weekend, so it is now time to share some new information. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information and updates about the Consultation on Ministry to and With Youth. This newsletter is part of an effort to make the Consultation process transparent and accessible to all Unitarian Universalists.

Commit Your Congregation!

Are you a leader or staff person in your congregation? Let us know if your congregation can commit to having a conversation about your youth ministry. Are you a district leader? You can inform congregations within your district about this opportunity. Having one point person from a congregation will ensure that you receive the process guide in a timely manner. The first part of the process guide (how to organize the conversation) will be available in January. The second part (content and survey findings) will be available in March. Send commitments to Beth Dana (bdana@uua.org).

Post Your Events

If you are leading an information session or workshop about the process with youth, religious professionals, congregations, etc., your event could be posted on the online calendar! That way, people in the area or who serve in a certain role can find out about and attend sessions that will help them engage further in the process to revision and revitalize our Association's youth ministry. All you have to do is e-mail Beth Dana (bdana@uua.org) the event name, date, location, intended audience, and presenter's name.

IMPORTANT DATES

Survey (for youth)	January - February 2006
Congregational Conversations	April - May 2006
District Gatherings	September 2006 - May 2007
Stakeholder Group Gatherings	July 2006 - April 2007
Summit on Ministry to and With Youth	July 2007

Survey for Youth

The taskforce decided at their meeting to administer the survey to youth ONLY. Congregational and district conversations will provide space for youth AND adults to share their visions. We are hoping to reach youth with a variety of involvements in youth ministry - youth involved in YRUU (continental, district & local), local youth not involved in youth programs, and youth who left their congregation after junior high. Everyone (youth, adults, religious professionals) can help the survey reach the largest number of youth by sending the Youth Office names and contact information for youth you know! This outreach will be essential to the success of the survey. Send names and contact information to Beth Dana (bdana@uua.org).

Communication

Check out the website:
<http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth>.

You can also sign-up for the listserv to receive periodic updates and reports from the Youth Ministry Associate, Co-Conveners, and the taskforce:
<http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/youthconsultation>

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